

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-4 and 11. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-2 and amended claims , 5-10 and 12. Accordingly, claims 3-12 are presently pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following arguments.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Applicants have amended each of claims 5-10 and 12 to change the dependency of the claims from cancelled claim 1 to claim 3. Applicants submit that none of these amendments adds any new matter.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-2, 5-9 AND 12 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(B)

Claims 1-2, 6-9 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Ingalls (U.S. Patent No. 5,066,205). Applicants have cancelled claims 1-2 and amended claims 6-9 and 12 to depend from allowed claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the rejection has been rendered moot.

IV. REJECTION OF CLAIM 10 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(A)

Claim 10 stands rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Ingalls (U.S. Patent No. 5,066,205) Applicants have amended claim 10 to depend from allowed claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the rejection has been rendered moot.

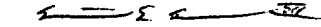
V. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants have submitted herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants request consideration of the cited references.

VI. CONCLUSION

For the above cited reasons, all of the claims presently pending in this application are believed to be allowable. If the Examiner has any further questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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